

REMARKS

Independent claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 have been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these claim amendments.

Anticipation Rejection

Claims 1-4 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujinami (U.S. 5,737,479).

The applicant hereby amends independent claim 1 to recite a content recording apparatus in which “said content is a motion image content encoded by an MPEG format, said plurality of positions includes said reference position and a non-reference position, said reference position is a position of a frame on which an intra-encoding is performed, and said non-reference position is a position of a frame on which an inter-encoding is performed.” Dependent claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

The applicant respectfully notes that Fujinami relates to a method and apparatus of coding video image data to add “Parental Rating” in the video image recorded in the recording medium, for example, in which the entry point is included in the intra-frame-coded image.

In contrast, in the present invention, the plurality of positions includes the reference position and a non-reference position, and the reference position is a position of an intra-frame-encoded frame, and the non-reference position is a position of an inter-frame-encoded frame.

The applicant respectfully notes that an *intra-frame encoding* is a method for encoding a still image from the data within the frame only. On the other hand, an *inter-frame encoding* is a method for encoding a motion image utilizing pixel correlation between the current frame and the previous frame.

Fujinami uses the entry point included in the intra-frame-encoded frame only. Therefore, Fujinami fails to disclose or suggest the recited inter-frame encoding. Therefore, Fujinami fails to disclose the content recording apparatus now recited in independent claim 1. Claims 2 and 17 depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Obviousness Rejection

Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Fujinami (U.S. 5,737,479).

As explained above, Fujinami fails to disclose or suggest the content recording apparatus now recited in independent claim 1. Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 10 ultimately depend from independent claim 1. Accordingly, this obviousness rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-8 and 13-16 include allowable subject matter. Claims 5-9 and 13-16 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Further, these claims ultimately depend from independent claim 1.

As explained above, independent claim 1 as amended is allowable over Fujinami. Accordingly, claims 5-9 and 13-16 are also allowable, and the applicant respectfully requests that this claim objection against claims 5-9 and 13-16 be withdrawn.

There are no additional objections or rejections outstanding in this application. Accordingly, in view of the aforementioned amendments and the accompany remarks, claims 1, 2, 5-10 and 13-17 are now in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the event that a telephone conference with the undersigned may expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below to arrange for an interview.

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